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Serial No.:	09/619,117	Examiner:	Ali Reza Salimi
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Title:	VIRAL OBESITY METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS	Our Ref:	710395.90010

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
MAIL STOP RCE  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2002 in the file of this application, the applicants amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 2, 5 and 6 as follows:

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*contd.*  
2. (Amended Three Times) A method of determining whether an obese person is suffering from viral obesity caused by adenovirus type 36p, the method comprising the steps of isolating from the person a sample selected from the group consisting of a body fluid, feces, a sample of tissue and a sample of an organ from the person, obtaining an antibody specific to an epitope on an adenovirus type 36p, and; assaying the sample [by an immunoanalytical method] using the antibody to test for the presence of [an] the epitope of

*see E1*